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U.S. Patent No. 6,332,417  
Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 06254282  
Japanese Patent Application No. 58-112584  
German Patent No. DE 36 36 706  
German Patent No. DE 30 27 534

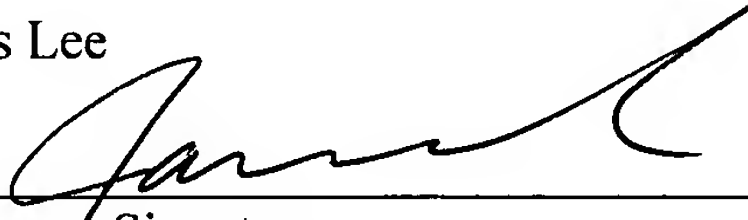
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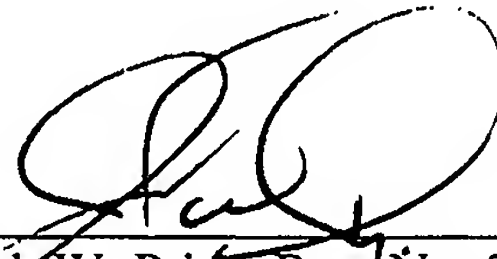
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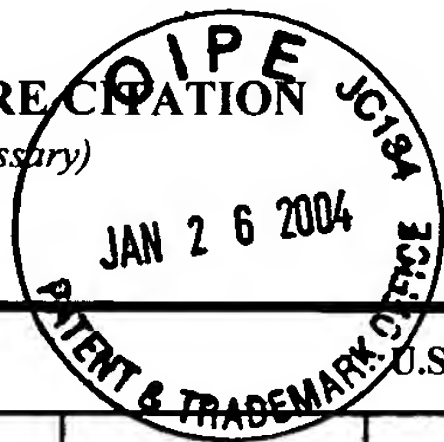
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		6,332,417	12/25/2001	Vornholt			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
		06254282	13-09-94	Patent Abstracts of Japan			✓	
		58-112584	12/1994	Japan				✓
		DE 36 36 706	5/1988	Germany				✓
		DE 30 27 534	2/1982	Germany				✓

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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